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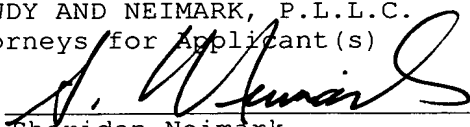
Applicants paid the issue fee in this case on August 19, 2004, but have received nothing from the Patent and Trademark Office since then. The applicants hereby make inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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